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SUBJ: MFA PROTESTS CHADIAN UN AMBASSADOR'S PARTY INCIDENT

AND SUGGESTS FRENCH ARE CULPRITS

REF: USUN 5059 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL REPORTED OCT 11 INCIDENT INVOLVING ALL NIGHT PARTY FOR GOC FOREIGN MINISTER AT APARTMENT CHADIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN DESSENDE, COMPLAINTS OF NEIGHBORS, CALLS AT APARTMENT BY POLICE, AND RESULTING NEWSPAPER STORIES. AMB DESSANDE FORMALLY PROTESTED POLICE AND PRESS TREATMENT IN NOTE TO US MISSION.

2. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL NANASBAYE, IN MEETING ON ANOTHER MATTER WITH CHARGE NOVEMBER 18, BROUGHT SUBJECT UP FOR FIRST TIME. ACCORDING NANASBAYE, PRESS REPORTS INACCURATE AS THERE ONLY 20-30 PEOPLE AT PARTY WHICH HE ATTENDED, CONSISTING CHADIAN UN MISSION AND THREE OR FOUR OTHER INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING CAR AMB, NO DRUMS OR BONGOS PLAYED AS MUSIC RECORDED, AND WHILE PARTY PERHAPS BIT LOUD, CERTAINLY NOT MORE SO THAN MANY OTHERS HEHAD ATTENDED NYC IN HIS YEARS AS AMBASSADOR, AMBASSADOR

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DESSANDE, ACCORDING TO NANASBAYE, STILL BEING HARASSED, AS EVIDENCED BY VAGUELY THREATENING LETTER SENT DESSANDE BY PERSON(S)

CALLING THEMSELVES "VIGILANTES" WARNING DESSANDE ABOUT FUTURE INCIDENTS, COPY OF WHICH SHOWN CHARGE. NANASBAYE ALSO SAID ON DAY OF PARTY. MAN IN ELEVATOR ASKED CHADIANS WHERE THEY WERE FROM AND WHEN TOLD, RESPONDED IN FRENCH THAT SHE KNEW ABOUT SAVAGE BARBARIANS WHO ARE HOLDING POOR FRENCH WOMAN HOSTAGE AND THEY SHOULD BE SENT BACK AFRICA. NANASBAYE SOMEWHAT RUEFULLY STATED THAT DESSANDE WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF NOT TO HAVE SENT AROUND NOTE PRIOR TO PARTY ASKING FOR INDULGENCE OF NEIGHBORS BUT HE NEW AND TRYING TO GET ALONG. GIVEN UNTOWARD ATTENTION PAID INCIDENT, NANASBAYE CONCLUDED, GOC WONDERING IF SOMETHING MORE SINISTER NOT BEHIND IT, SPECIFICALLY A FRENCH EFFORT TO EMBARRASS GOC. HE SUGGESTED FRENCH MISSION UN MAY HAVE BROUGHT INCIDENT TO ATTENTION OF PRESS.

3. CHARGE, WHO HAD BEEN ALERTED TO CHADIAN CONSPIRACY THEORY FEW DAYS EARLIER BY SOMEWHAT BAFFLED FRENCH CHARGE WHO IN TURN HAD IT FROM FRENCH MISSION UN, REPLIED THAT HE DOUBTED ANY FRENCH CONNECTION. QUITE POSSIBLE, HE CONTINUED, THAT DESSENDE NEIGHBORS SIMPLY SENSITIVE NOISE AND THAT, IN ANY EVENT, AS DIRECTOR GENERAL AWARE, ALL DIPLOMATS MUST MAKE PARTICULAR EFFORT ADAPT THEMSELVES TO INDIGENOUS LIFE AND CUSTOMS OF CAPITALS IN WHICH THEY FIND THEMSELVES. EVEN IN NDJAMENA, CHARGE CONTINUED WARMING TO SUBJECT, UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS OCCURRED SUCH AS ROBBERY HOUSE OF EMB SECRETARY WHILE SHE SLEPT FEW WEEKS AGO, ROBBERY AID EMPLOYEE AT SPEAR POINT IN MIDDLE OF NIGHT IN HIS OWN BEDROOM, THEFT OF HEADLIGHTS FROM CAR OF POLITICAL OFFICER WHILE PARKED BRIEFLY IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF NDJAMENA AIRPORT TERMINAL THREE DAYS PREVIOUSLY, ETC. WHILE THESE INCIDENTS ARE AND SHOULD BE REPORTED PROPER GOC AUTHORITIES, EMB HAD NOT CONSIDERED MAKING DIPLOMATIC PROTESTS AS IT DID NOT BELIEVE SUCH WOULD FURTHER BILATERAL RELATIONS OR SERVE OTHER APPROPRIATE PURPOSE.

4. NANASBAYE THEN TURNED TO QUESTION DISPUTE BETWEEN EMB AND LANDLORD REGARDING TERMS OF LEASE OF CHANCERY WHICH SUBJECT SEPTTEL.

5. PLEASE POUCH NDJAMENA COPY ANY USUN REPLY TO GOC PROTEST.

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